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SUBJECT: DEFENSE MINISTRY OWES LOCKHEED-MARTIN USD 1.2
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11. (SBU) In 2005, Lockheed-Martin completed the modernization of Uzbekistan's Air Defense System and ATC Automation System at the Khanabad Aerodrome. The value of Lockheed's contract with the Uzbek Ministry of Defense (MOD) was USD 12,675,000. To date, Lockheed has received all but 10 percent (approximately USD 1.2 million); this final payment was due upon final acceptance of the system's implementation on December 19, 2005. There is no disagreement on the amount to be paid to Lockheed: MOD's Finance Department told Lockheed it submitted all necessary documentation required for payment.

12. (SBU) Department of Commerce Senior Desk Officer for Caucasus and Central Asia spoke with Lockheed's Amcit Director of Europe and Eurasia on October 3. The director confirmed that to date Lockheed has not received the final payment. He expressed interest in receiving the final payment, but is skeptical that it will occur in the near future. Post will continue to monitor the situation and provide advocacy, as needed. Lockheed told DOC that it does not believe advocacy or USG intervention advisable yet, but wanted to keep us informed.
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